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Title: METHOD OF JOINING TOGETHER TWO PLANAR MEMBERS BY  
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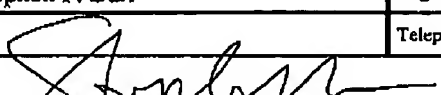
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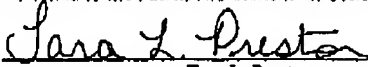
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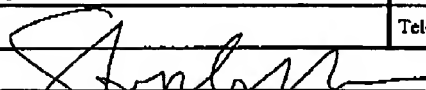
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**AMENDMENT**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed November 9, 2004, please amend the  
above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins  
on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 9 of this paper.